

FIRE FIGHTER

GENERAL DEFINITION AND CONDITIONS OF WORK:

Performs intermediate protective service work in driving fire apparatus, the operation of pumps and fire suppression; does related work as required. Work is often performed under emergency conditions and frequently involves considerable personal hazard. Work is performed under regular supervision.

This is very heavy work requiring exertion in excess of 100 pounds of force occasionally, in excess of 50 pounds of force frequently, and in excess of 20 pounds of force constantly to move objects; work requires climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, feeling, and repetitive motions; vocal communication is required for expressing or exchanging ideas by means of the spoken word, and conveying detailed or important instructions to others accurately, loudly, or quickly; hearing is required to perceive information at normal spoken word levels, and to receive detailed information through oral communications and/or to make fine distinctions in sound; visual acuity is required for depth perception, color perception, night vision, peripheral vision, preparing and analyzing written or computer data, visual inspection involving small defects and/or small parts, use of measuring devices, assembly or fabrication of parts at or within arms length, operation of machines, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities; the worker is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions, extreme cold, extreme heat, noise, vibration, hazards, atmospheric conditions, oils, and wearing a respirator. The worker may be exposed to blood borne pathogens and may be required to wear specialized personal protective equipment.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS/TYPICAL TASKS:

Maintaining, servicing, driving and operating fire equipment; performing fire suppression and related duties; participating in continuing training; assisting with station and grounds maintenance.

Receives and responds to fire alarms, drives fire apparatus to the fire scene; initiates the incident command system when needed;

Connects hoses to hydrants and uses hoses to apply water or chemicals to fire; forces entry into burning structures and searches for and rescues occupants; performs ventilation as needed;

Connects pump to water source and hoses to the pump; maintains the correct pressure for the nozzle; monitors radio transmissions and relays messages as needed; ensures that all equipment is available for use by firefighters;

participates in post fire operations of cleaning, salvage and overhaul;

Responds to wildland fire incidents; operates fire pumps; constructs fire lines and performs hose lays, conducts firing operations, protects structures, operates chainsaws; performs mop-up and cleanup duties;

Responds to rescue incidents involving vehicle extrication, high angle rescue, confined space rescue, etc.;

Responds to hazardous materials incidents to identify and contain hazardous materials;

Assists EMS as needed and requested on life threatening medical emergencies;

Maintains operating readiness of apparatus; ensures all inventory is present and in operating condition;

Inspects and flushes all hydrants; flow tests hydrants as needed;

Performs maintenance and general cleaning of stations and grounds;

Attends and assists in training sessions; attends lectures; studies manuals; participates in fire drills and studies modern firefighting techniques; participates in physical training;

Performs related tasks as required.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:

Thorough knowledge of firefighting techniques, procedures and mechanics; general knowledge of emergency medical techniques and procedures; thorough knowledge of the street system, hydrant location, major buildings and physical layout of the Town; thorough knowledge of the operation and maintenance of firefighting equipment and apparatus; ability to operate equipment and apparatus safely and effectively; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates and the general public; possession of mechanical aptitude; physical endurance and agility.

EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:

Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school and considerable firefighting experience.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Possession of an appropriate driver's license valid in the State of North Carolina. Possession of Level I Firefighter Certification and EMT-Basic certificate. All certifications shall be recognized by the State of North Carolina. Must meet and maintain all department and state training and certification requirements for position. **(updated 12/10/19)**